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POLISH STATE RR EXPAND IN 3-YEAR PLAN;
RR FERRY KOPERNIK BEING REPAIRED

958 BRIDGES BUILT -- Rzeczpospolita, No 315, 15 Nov 49

PKP (Polish State Railroads) did not lag behind other branches of the national economy in fulfilling the Three-Year Plan. PKP's achievement was all the greater since postwar reconstruction of railroads was undertaken under especially difficult conditions. Railroad damage was very high -- tracks were destroyed 35 percent, bridges 48 percent, and railroad buildings 36.6 percent.

The number of through runs on domestic long-distance express trains increased from 15 in 1947 to 23 in 1949, and the number of through train connections with foreign trains increased from six in 1947 to 25 in 1949. Freight carried was 104.2 percent of plan in 1947, and 114.2 percent in 1948. In 1949, the plan was already fulfilled 100 percent by 15 October.

Compared with 1947, the efficiency of PKP machine shops on major repairs increased as follows: locomotives by 40 percent, passenger coaches by 91 percent, freight cars over 5 percent. The number of freight cars in service increased nearly 31 percent, passenger coaches 71 percent, and locomotives 49 percent.

In addition to the above, 14 machine shops were fully equipped, a series of water stations and pumping facilities were rebuilt, and 958 bridges built.

HULL, ENGINES GET MAJOR REPAIRS -- Wola Ludu, No 7, 4 Dec 49

The railroad ferry Kopernik is being repaired in the Gdansk shipyards. This ferry has changed its name several times in the course of the last 5 years. Under the German occupation, it was called Mecklenburg; after being taken over by the Russians, it was given the name of Turgenev; and when restored to Poland, it was called successively Waza, Kruszewski, and Kopernik.

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The hull and engines need major repairs. Leading shockworkers of the Gdansk shipyards are now repairing and redecorating the ferry. Luxury furniture made in the Gdansk shipyards will be installed.

Under the control of PKP (Polish State Railroads) the Kopernik will become part of the railroad transportation network. PKP will set up a special enterprise called PKP Auxiliary Ferry Service, with headquarters in Odra Port in Swinoujscie. A special slip will be built in Swinoujscie for the Kopernik.

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